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**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Halloween Safety Tips**

Soon our neighborhoods will be scattered with trick or treaters this Halloween. To make sure this is a more enjoyable and safer Halloween, the Anderson County Sheriff's Department is offering these Halloween safety tips.

Parents, please remember when designing your children's costumes that face paint is preferable to a mask. All trick or treaters should wear some sort of reflective clothing, carry a bright orange bag, and carry a flashlight or glowstick to make it easier for passing cars to spot them. Always walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. Don't forget... watch for cars at all times.

An adult should always accompany young children. Either a parent or older child should stay within close range at all times or never let the children go down a street by themselves. Walk with the children to each house and wait in the driveway or by the door until the children return.

Older children should travel in pairs or in groups at all times while trick or treating. Parents should know the route that their children are following. Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and never run across the road. Dark, unlighted houses should be avoided.

Children should save all their candy until they get home. Closely inspect all candy. Throw away all unwrapped candy or any suspicious looking goodies.

Motorists should use extra caution Halloween night. When driving, slow down and be aware. Trick or treaters may dart into the road. Make sure to drive at a safe speed and leave distance from the vehicle ahead of you. They may have to stop suddenly.

Sheriff's Deputies will be actively patrolling the neighborhoods throughout our community during the Halloween weekend.

Halloween is a fun time in Anderson County. Let's make it a safe time as well.

**Sheriff Paul White**